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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Research Centre for Banana has developed a technology for banana based carbonated RTS drink;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action plan proposed to be adopted by the Government to encourage this technology;

(d) the places where such plants are likely to be set up; and

(e) the funds earmarked for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The enzyme clarified banana juice is dispensed into Ready-to-serve (RTS) beverage, then pasteurized and aerated with carbon dioxide at suitable levels and crown corked on a carbonating machine. The product was found to be acceptable by the taste panel.

(c), (d) & (e): This technology is ready for transfer to anyone interested to set up the business/industry.